

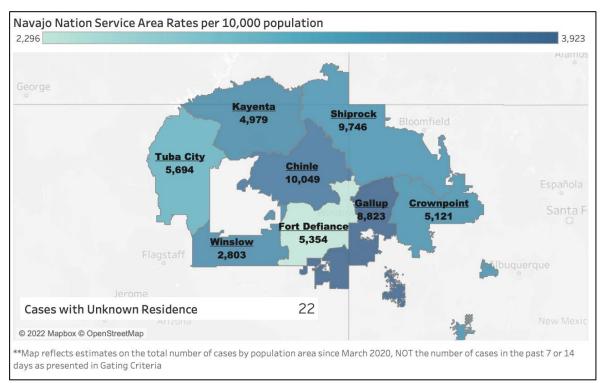
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## 40 new cases, 50,601 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Friday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 40 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths is 1,651. The report indicates that 50,601 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 497,395 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 52,591, including five delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 10,049
 Crownpoint Service Unit: 5,121
 Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,354

Gallup Service Unit: 8,823
Kayenta Service Unit: 4,979
Shiprock Service Unit: 9,746
Tuba City Service Unit: 5,694
Winslow Service Unit: 2,803

\* 22 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Friday, the state of New Mexico reported 381 new cases and Utah reported 261 new cases. The state of Arizona now reports COVID-19 cases on a weekly basis, each Wednesday. The Office of the President and Vice President will distribute PPEs on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (MST) at the Crownpoint Health Care Facility during the IHS COVID-19 drive-thru vaccine event.

"We are seeing low numbers of COVID-19 infections, but we have to keep our guard up and be prepared at all times. If you go into public places, whether you are on the Navajo Nation or off, please wear a mask and do your best to practice social distancing. We do not want to lose any more lives to this modern-day monster that we call COVID-19. Through the strength of our people, we are persisting through these challenging times and we will be stronger because of it. Please be safe and take precautions," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities on the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"Thank you to all of our health care workers who continue to work around the clock and put themselves at risk for others. Because of your dedication and commitment, we are seeing lower numbers of new cases of COVID-19. Please continue to practice safety measures to protect yourselves and others and please continue to pray for our people and our communities," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <a href="http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19">http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19</a>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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